New trains between Jabalpur-Raipur and Jabalpur-Bhopal

†3439. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start new trains between Jabalpur-Raipur and Jabalpur- Bhopal;

(b) if so, by when these trains are likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Introduction of Habibganj (Suburb of Bhopal)-Jabalpur Jan Shatabdi Express, extension of 1269/1270 Rajkot-Bhopal Express upto Jabalpur *via* Bina-Katni on two days a week and increase in the frequency of 1463/1464 Rajkot-Bhopal-Jabalpur Express from four days to five days a week (by extending 1269/1270 Rajkot-Bhopal Express to Jabalpur *via* Itarsi once a week) have been included in the Railway Budget 2002-2003.

Introduction of a train between Jabalpur and Raipur is not feasible due to limited resources and operational constraints at present.

Appointments in Railway Board and Railway Ministry

†3440. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether such members have been appointed in the Railway Board who have been found guilty in certain cases by the CBI,'

(b) whether such persons have been appointed in the Ministry of Railways on important posts as are related to a member of the Railway Board and have been charge-sheeted for money laundering;

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the basis of these appointments; and

(d) whether Government propose to cancel these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only those Officers as are clear from Vigilance/Discipline and Appeal Rules angle are considered for such appointments.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

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